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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of Ann M. Nichols, et al.  
Serial No. 10/010,934  
Filed November 13, 2001  
Confirmation No. 8461  
For PACKAGE  
Examiner Jerrold D. Johnson

Art Unit 3728

September 22, 2005

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION TRANSMITTAL

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

SIR:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

## 1. REQUIRED SUBMISSION:

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. FEES (Required when the RCE is filed)

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-1345. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for fee processing.

- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)

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- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee  
iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,



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AMENDMENT E FILED WITH RCE

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,  
SIR/MADAM:

This amendment is being filed simultaneously with a Request for Continued Examination. Please enter the following amendments into the above-identified application and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 4.

Remarks begin on page 12.